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Mr. Norman Nosenchuck, Director Division of Hazardous Substances Regulation New York State Department of Environmental Conservation 50 Wolf Road Albany, NY 12233

Dear Sirs:

SUBJECT: RCRA Part A Permit Modification #3

REFERENCES: (1) EPA Identification No. NYD986905545; West Valley RCRA Section 3008(h) Administrative Order on Consent (Docket No. II RCRA 3008(h)-92-0202).

- (2) Letter, T.K. DeBoer to Steven Doleski, RCRA Part A Permit Application, dated June 5, 1990.
- (3) Letter, T. K. DeBoer to Steven Doleski, RCRA Part A Permit Modification, dated July 19, 1990.
- (4) Letter, T. K. DeBoer to Steven Doleski and N.G. Kaul, RCRA Part A Permit Modification, dated September 24, 1992.
- (5) Letter, Norman H. Nosenchuck to Howard A. Jack, "Concurrence that the SDA Leachate Is Not a Listed Hazardous Waste," dated June 24, 1994.

The New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) is hereby submitting a third modification to a previously submitted RCRA Part A Application (see References 2-4). This third modification of the Part A Permit Application includes the following changes:

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- (1) The F-039 multi-source leachate code was replaced with pertinent characteristic waste codes. In June 1994, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) concurred with NYSERDA's determination that the leachate at the State-Licensed Disposal Area (SDA) is not a listed hazardous waste (see Reference 5).
- (2) The application is no longer being defensively filed. Leachate characterization data is available indicating that the Trench 14 leachate stored in Tank T-1 at the SDA is characteristic for benzene (D-018).
- (3) Environmental permit information (Section X) and the Nature of Business (Section XI) description was updated.
- (4) The estimated annual quantity of hazardous waste being handled at the SDA (Section XIV) was increased to include:
 - The quantity of hazardous waste treatment residues that would be generated from the operation of an exempt wastewater treatment facility¹, and
 - The storage capacity of the three SDA leachate storage tanks.

Contact Colleen Gerwitz at the West Valley Office at (716) 942-4435 with any questions related to this submittal.

Sincerely,

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Program Director

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Radioactive Waste Management Program

cc: NYSDEC - Tim DiGiulio NYSDEC - Jack Krajewski USEPA - John Nevius

The plans and specifications of an SDA leachate treatment system have been approved by EPA and NYSDEC, but construction of the system has been postponed pending further evaluation of the success of other SDA projects. The leachate treatment system project is being performed under a RCRA 3008(h) Administrative Order on Consent.

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X. Other Environmental Permits

- (1) The 6 NYCRR Part 380 Land Burial Permit for the State-Licensed Low-Level Waste Disposal Area (SDA) is permit number 9-0422-0011/00003-0, Facility/Program number 137-6. It consists of an "exemption authorizing burial of radioactive wastes, dated Nov 7, 63," and exemption from Part 16 of the New York Sanitary Code (originally issued by the NYS Department of Health and later transferred to the jurisdiction of NYSDEC), and a series of amendments and conditions to the exemptions. The original application was given Committee on Licensing (COL) number 670. The permit was transferred from Nuclear Fuel Services, the original permit holder, to the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority via letter from NYSDEC Region 9 dated 21 Jan 83.
- (2) The 6 NYCRR Part 380 Air Discharge Permit for the State Licensed Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Area (SDA) is permit number 9-0422-0011/00004-0, Facility/Program number 137-3. This permit was issued to control the emission of radionuclides from the Trench 14 water/leachate storage tank vent at the SDA.
- (3) The 6 NYCRR part 380 Permit for the Bioengineering Management Pilot Project on Trench 9 at the State-Licensed Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Area (SDA) is permit number 9-0422-011/00007-9, Facility Program Number 137-5. This permit was issued to implement a bioengineering management project on Trench 9 at the SDA.
- (4) The State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit for the West Valley Demonstration Project (WVDP) is permit number NY-0000973, DEC Number 9-0422-00005/00006-0. The SPDES permit is issued to the United States Department of Energy (DOE) and authorizes discharges at the WVDP. Discharges from the proposed Trench 14 leachate treatment system are authorized under this permit 7.
- (5) The 6 NYCRR Part 201 Air Permit for the laboratory hood is permit number A-042200-0238-SDA01. The permit to construct and the certificate to operate the laboratory hood were obtained for the purposes of conducting treatability study testing on the leachate.
- (6) The 6 NYCRR Part 201 Air Permit for the tank vent is permit number A-042200-0238-SDA-02. The permit to construct and the certificate to operate the storage tank vent were obtained to allow storage of leachate in tanks at the SDA prior to treatment.

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XI. Nature of Business (Provide a brief description)

See Additional Information attachment

XII. Process Codes and Design Capacities

- A. PROCESS CODE Enter the code from the list of process codes below that best describes each process to be used at the facility. Thirteen lines are provided for entering codes. If more lines are needed, attach a separate sheet of paper with the additional information. For "other" processes (i.e., D99, S99, T04 and X99), describe the process (including its design capacity) in the space provided in item XIII.
- B. PROCESS DESIGN CAPACITY For each code entered in column A, enter the capacity of the process.

 1. AMOUNT Enter the amount. In a case where design capacity is not applicable (such as in a closure/post-closure or enforcement)
 - action) enter the total amount of waste for that process.
 2. UNIT OF MEASURE For each amount entered in column B(1), enter the code from the list of unit measure codes below that describes
- the unit of measure used. Only the units of measure that are listed below should be used.

 C. PROCESS TOTAL NUMBER OF UNITS Enter the total number of units used with the corresponding process code.

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XI. Nature of Business

The New York State Licensed Disposal Area is a former commercial Low-Level Radioactive Waste (LLRW) disposal facility which was shut down in 1975. The facility is owned and operated by the NEW YORK STATE ENERGY RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NYSERDA) on behalf of the people of the State of Water infiltration and accumulation within the disposal trenches creates a leachate which must be managed to avoid uncontrolled releases from the trenches to the environment. The leachate is contaminated with hazardous constituents and radionuclides as a result of its percolation through the disposed LLRW. NYSERDA is reducing the generation of additional leachate through the installation of a variety of infiltration control projects. NYSERDA is prepared to pump leachate from the trenches to storage tanks and/or construct a RCRA exempt wastewater treatment unit which will render the waste nonhazardous, remove radioactive constituents, and discharge the treated wastewater via a regulated outfall. Storage capacity is available for materials such as hazardous debris, soils, and treatment residues which may be generated as a result of NYSERDA's SDA and leachate management activities.

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- A. EPAHAZARDOUS WASTE NUMBER Enter the four-digit number from 40 CFR, Part 261 Subpart D of each listed hazardous waste you will handle. For hazardous wastes which are not listed in 40 CFR, Part 261 Subpart D, enter the four-digit number(s) from 40 CFR, Part 261 Subpart C that describes the characteristics and/or the toxic contaminants of those hazardous wastes.
- B. ESTIMATED ANNUAL QUANTITY For each listed waste entered in column A estimate the quantity of that waste that will be handled on an annual basis. For each characteristic or toxic contaminant entered in column A estimate the total annual quantity of all the non-listed waste(s) that will be handled which possess that characteristic or contaminant.
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D. PROCESSES

1. PROCESS CODES:

For listed hazardous waste: For each listed hazardous waste entered in column A select the code(s) from the list of process codes contained in item XII A. on page 3 to indicate how the waste will be stored, treated, and/or disposed of at the facility.

For non-listed hazardous waste: For each characteristic or toxic contaminant entered in column A, select the code(s) from the list of process codes contained in item XII A. on page 3 to indicate all the processes that will be used to store, treat, and/or dispose of all the non-listed hazardous wastes that possess that characteristic or toxic contaminant.

NOTE: THREE SPACES ARE PROVIDED FOR ENTERING PROCESS CODES. IF MORE ARE NEEDED:

- 1. Enter the first two as described above.
- Enter "000" in the extreme right box of item XIV-D(1).
- 3. Enter in the space provided on page 7, Item XIV-E, the line number and the additional code(s).
- PROCESS DESCRIPTION: If a code is not listed for a process that will be used, describe the process in the space provided on the form (D.(2)).

NOTE: HAZARDOUS WASTES DESCRIBED BY MORE THAN ONE EPA HAZARDOUS WASTE NUMBER - Hazardous wastes that can be described by more than one EPA Hazardous Waste Number shall be described on the form as follows:

- Select one of the EPA Hazardous Waste Numbers and enter it in column A. On the same line complete columns
 B, C and D by estimating the total annual quantity of the waste and describing all the processes to be used to treat,
 store, and/or dispose of the waste.
- In column A of the next line enter the other EPA Hazardous Waste Number that can be used to describe the waste.
 In column D(2) on that line enter "included with above" and make no other entries on that line.
- 3. Repeat step 2 for each EPA Hazardous Waste Number that can be used to describe the hazardous waste.

EXAMPLE FOR COMPLETING ITEM XIV (shown in line numbers X-1, X-2, X-3, and X-4 below) - A facility will treat and dispose of an estimated 900 pounds per year of chrome shavings from leather tanning and finishing operation. In addition, the facility will treat and dispose of three non-listed wastes. Two wastes are corrosive only and there will be an estimated 200 pounds per year of each waste. The other waste is corrosive and ignitable and there will be an estimated 100 pounds per year of that waste. Treatment will be in an incinerator and disposal will be in a landfill.

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